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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

The battle with the Viscerator and her team is upon them and The Scorchd may not survive.



I LIED
TO SHE-
SPAWN.

ABOUT THE
HOLES IN MY
MEMORY.

I PRETENDED NOT
TO *REMEMBER*
THIS FIGHT. BUT
HOW COULD I
FORGET IT?

IT WAS THE DAY THE
SCORCHED *FELL*.

AND *AFTER*
TODAY, THE
SCORCHED
WOULD BE
NO MORE.



VISCERATOR, SISTER TO VIOLATOR AND THE PHEBLIAC BROTHERS, ASSEMBLED HER TEAM OF THE SCORCHED'S GREATEST ENEMIES.

FRANK BISHOP, THE MURDEROUSLY UNSTABLE MERCENARY WHO SERVED ALONGSIDE AL SIMMONS AND JESSICA PRIEST, NOW A PRACTITIONER OF DARKEST MAGIC--AND VISCERATOR'S PARTNER.

WHILE OFFICER JOE FRANK, AN ABUSIVE BASTARD I'D **ALREADY** SENT TO HELL ONCE, WAS BACK AS A DEMON.

RUE, THE FEMALE HAUNT, AND AN **INSTINCTIVE** ENEMY TO HER MALE COUNTERPART.





THAT BASTARD WAS
ALSO MY DAD...AND
REAPER'S AS WELL,
SINCE HE'S ALSO ME
FROM THE *PAST*.*

*SEE SCORCHED #40
FOR THE MIND-BENDING
DETAILS--THOMAS.

MEDIEVAL,
HE HAD BEEN
BEHEADED
BEFORE.

BUT SURVIVED
GIVEN HE'D BEEN
IMBUED WITH
BOTH MAGIC AND
THE POWER BY
MALEBOGIA.

THOUGH FRANK
BISHOP ALSO
PRACTICED THE
INFERNAL MAGICKS.

THIS TIME, WHEN
MEDIEVAL LOST HIS
HEAD, HE ALSO
LOST HIS *LIFE*.

BUT WHAT
HAPPENED TO
HAUNT WAS
FAR WORSE.



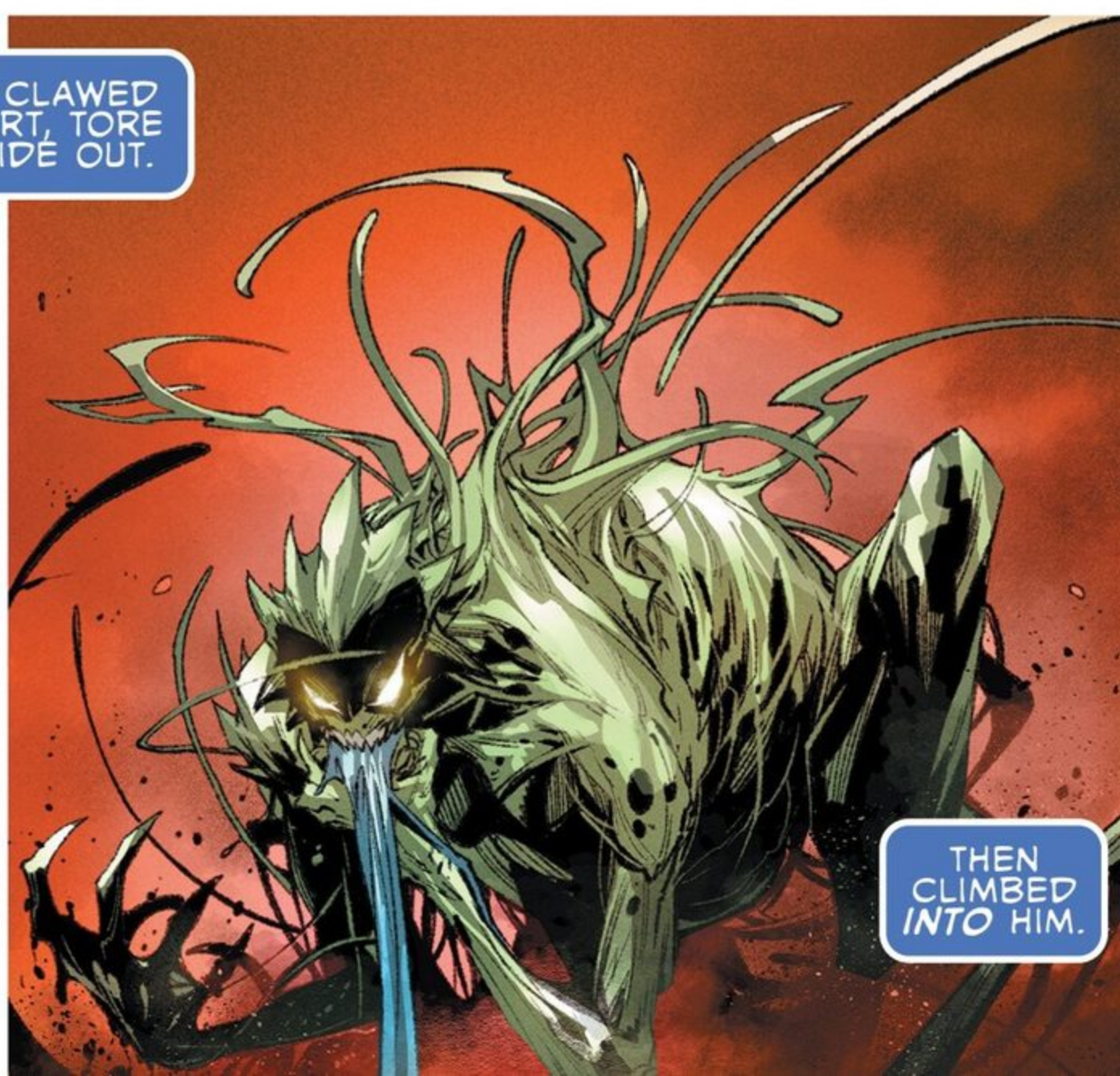
DANIEL KILGORE WAS TOO SYMPATHETIC--TOO **HUMAN**--TO FIGHT WITH THE SAME FERAL FEROCITY AS THE BESTIAL RUE.



THAT COST HIM HIS **LIFE**.



AS SHE CLAWED HIM APART, TORE HIM INSIDE OUT.



THEN CLIMBED INTO HIM.

LITERALLY
ABSORBING
HIM.

AND RUE AND HAUNT
TRANSFORMED INTO
SOMETHING ELSE...

--SOMETHING ALMOST
UNSTOPPABLE!



I WAS AN
IDIOT TO LET
THAT HAPPEN.





I'D SAID AGAIN AND
AGAIN I COULDN'T RISK
ALTERING THE FUTURE.

SWEARING TO BE
OBSTINATE ABOUT
PRESERVING THE
TIMELINE AS I
REMEMBERED IT.
BUT FOR **WHAT?**

AFTER **THIS** DEFEAT, THE
SCORCHED WOULDN'T
EVEN **HAVE** A FUTURE.

BUT IT DIDN'T
HAVE TO BE
THIS WAY.

IF I **KNEW** THIS
WAS THE FUTURE,
THEN I **ALSO**
KNEW WHAT I
NEEDED TO DO
TO **CHANGE** IT,
TO PREVENT IT
FROM HAPPENING.



THERE WAS A POINT,
EARLY IN THE FIGHT,
WHEN I COULD HAVE
MADE A *DIFFERENCE*.
BACK WHEN I WAS
REAPER.

RIGHT AFTER VISCERATOR
WIPE OUT OVERT-KILL.

MY FATHER TURNED
HIS SIGHTS TOWARDS
SHE-SPAWN...



NOW,
REAPER! WHILE
I HAVE HIM
OCCUPIED--

TAKE
HIM
DOWN!



...AND HIS ATTENTION
AWAY FROM ME.

I COULD HAVE
KILLED HIM
RIGHT THERE.

DAD?!

BUT I'D *JUST* DISCOVERED
MY FATHER WAS *BACK*. A
HATEFUL MAN WHO RUINED
MY LIFE, AND DID EVEN
WORSE TO MY BROTHER.



I *HATED* HIM, BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS
A PART OF ME THAT STILL *FEARED* HIM.
BECAUSE I REMEMBERED HIS BEATINGS.



BUT INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT I SHOULD HAVE, LIKE TAKE HIS F*CKIN' HEAD OFF--

INSTEAD... I FROZE.



THE SCORCHED PAID THE PRICE FOR THAT.

I'VE REPLAYED THAT MOMENT A MILLION TIMES SINCE.

AND I'M *CONVINCED* IF I HAD ACTED *THEN*, IT WOULD HAVE CHANGED THE TIDE OF THAT *ENTIRE* BATTLE.



BUT I *DIDN'T*.

WHATEVER MAGIC BISHOP USED TO KILL MEDIEVAL, ALSO KILLED MARC ROSEN. WHICH MEANT OVERT-KILL NEVER GOT REPAIRED, EITHER.



I COULDN'T FACE SHE-SPAWN AFTER THAT.

EVENTUALLY WE DECIDED IT BEST IF WE ALL JUST *QUIT*.



SHE-SPAWN EVENTUALLY GATHERED NEW MEMBERS, REFORMED HER TEAM.

BUT *THAT* SCORCHED NEVER WORKED TOGETHER THE WAY WE *ONCE* DID.



THIS, I BELIEVE, WAS THE FIRST DOMINO IN A *SERIES* OF EVENTS THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO THE END OF THE WORLD.

WHEN EARTH NEEDED US, WE WEREN'T THERE.



WHICH IS WHAT I CAME *BACK* HERE IN TIME TO PREVENT.

BUT *THIS* TIME I
NEEDED TO DO
SOMETHING *DIFFERENT*.

I WANT
TO *PREPARE*
YOU. FOR
WHAT WE'RE
GOING UP
AGAINST.

PRIOR TO
THIS, I'D
TAKEN CARE
TO PRESERVE
THE TIMELINE.
TO KEEP
THE FUTURE
SECRET.

NOT
THIS
TIME.

LOOK
FAMILIAR?

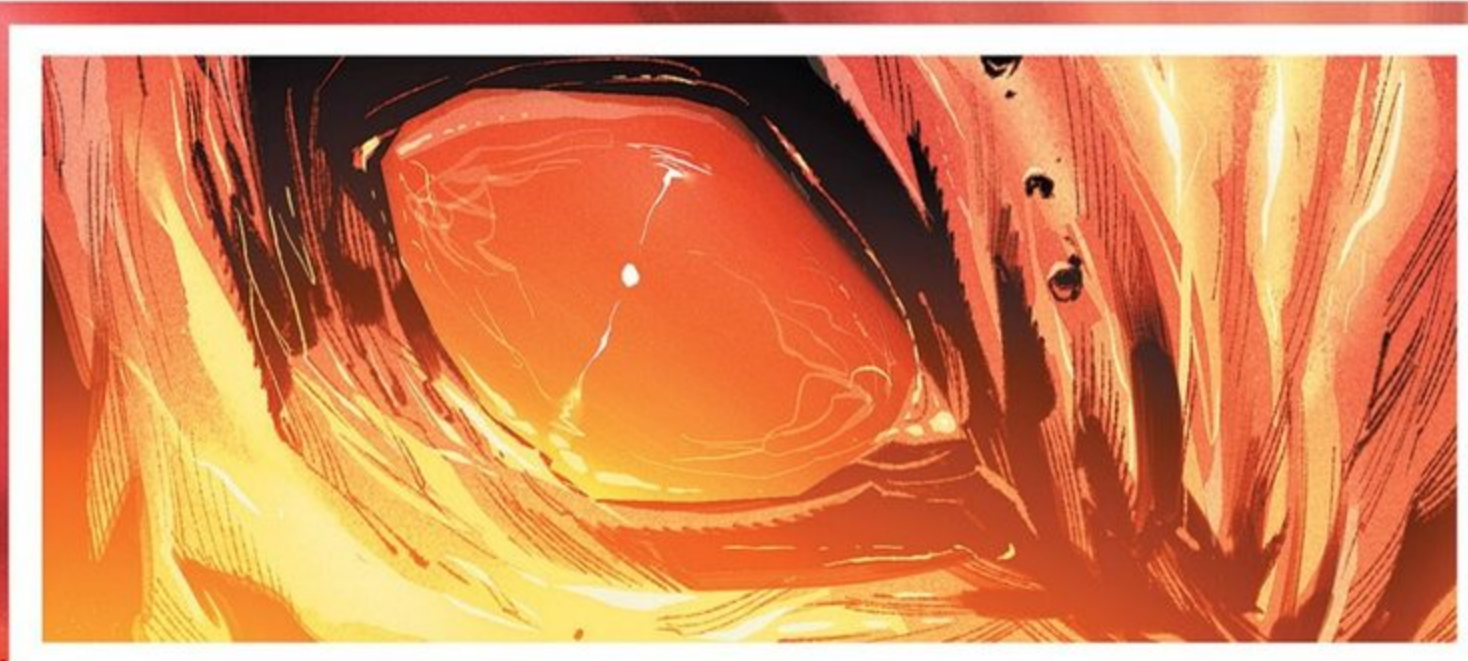
LAST TIME I
FACED MY DAD, I
WASN'T READY.

I *FROZE*.

BUT WHAT IF THIS TIME
I...*WARNED* MYSELF
WHAT WAS COMING?

I NEED
YOU *READY*.
DON'T LET FEAR
CONTROL
YOU.

YOU
STOOD UP
TO HIM BEFORE,
YOU CAN DO
IT *AGAIN*.





AFTER THAT,
THE FIGHT I'D
RE-LIVED A
MILLION TIMES
IN MY HEAD
CHANGED, JUST
AS I **KNEW**
IT WOULD.

BISHOP WAS
THROWN OFF
BALANCE.



YOU
JUST DON'T
GET IT,
BISHOP.



I'LL
JUST **KEEP**
KILLING
YOU.

NO
MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES
YOU COME
BACK.



AND SHE-SPAWN WAS
ABLE TO KILL HER OLD
ENEMY A THIRD TIME.



WHICH MEANT BISHOP'S MAGIC
ISOLATED, OFFERED *LITTLE*
CHALLENGE FOR MEDIEVAL.



YOU
HAVE VEXED ME
FOR CENTURIES,
DEMONESS.



**NO
MORE!**

AND VISCERATOR
ON HER OWN HAD
ALREADY PROVEN
NO MATCH FOR
HER OLD ENEMY.



RUE WAS THE
ONLY ONE THAT
GOT AWAY ALIVE.



BUT SHE'LL
THINK TWICE
ABOUT GOING
AFTER THE
HAUNT EVER
AGAIN.

SKICH



OR ANY OF
THE SCORCHED.





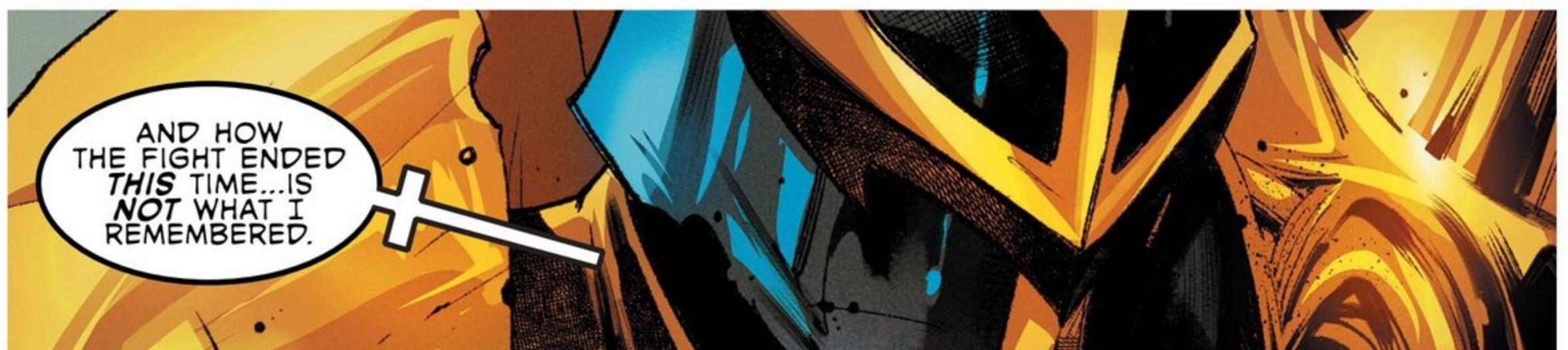
YOU
THINK WE
CAN **REPAIR**
OVERT-
KILL?

ROSEN'S
DONE IT
BEFORE.



REDEEMER?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

I DIDN'T
TELL YOU THE
ENTIRE TRUTH,
SHE-SPAWN. WHEN
I TOLD YOU WHAT
I REMEMBER AND
WHAT I **DON'T**, I
REMEMBERED
THIS FIGHT.



AND HOW
THE FIGHT ENDED
THIS TIME...IS
NOT WHAT I
REMEMBERED.



ARE
YOU SAYING...THE
FUTURE'S BEEN
CHANGED?

THAT THE
APOCALYPSE
YOU SAID YOU
LIVED THROUGH
WILL NEVER
HAPPEN?

I DON'T
KNOW.

I'M
SAYING...THIS
FIGHT'S OUTCOME
WAS DIFFERENT THAN
WHAT I EXPERIENCED
AS REAPER. WE'VE
SOMEHOW CHANGED
THIS PART OF MY
FUTURE.

THAT
MEANS NONE
OF US
KNOWS WHAT
WILL BECOME
OF THIS
PLANET...

...OR THE
FATE OF YOUR
SCORCHED
TEAM.



EPILOGUE.
HELL.

CASTLE
PHLEBIAC.

YOU'VE
FAILED,
VISCERATOR.
YOU'VE GONE AFTER
THE SCORCHED--
OVER AND OVER--
AND YET YOU
HAVE LOST--
AGAIN.

THE
TEAM YOU
ASSEMBLED
SIMPLY WASN'T
STRONG
ENOUGH.

HOLD
YOUR TONGUE,
BROTHER
VINDICATOR. WHEN
HAVE ANY
MEMBERS OF OUR
LINEAGE EVER
GIVEN UP,
ESPECIALLY
IN MATTERS OF
REVENGE?

AND
SOON I WILL
MAKE MY RETURN,
AND WHEN I DO,
I WON'T JUST
BE TARGETING
MEDIEVAL
SPAWN.

ALL
OF THE
SCORCHED
WILL BE
CAUGHT IN
MY NET.

THERE'S
A REASON I TOOK
FRANK BISHOP
AS MY LOVER. H
E'S A USEFUL
FOOL.



ONE
THAT IS EASILY
MANIPULATED.
AND I VOW THE NEXT
TIME I FACE DOWN THE
SCORCHED IT WON'T
JUST BE WITH A
TEAM BACKING
ME UP.

NEXT
TIME, I'LL
BRING AN
ARMY!!



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